

Petition 04-160 as put forth by the National Association of Broadcasters should be rejected.

Satellite Radio is the greatest thing to hit the airwaves. My husband and I travel frequently and it is nice to be able to have 24/7 consistent programming in the variety and quality offered by satellite radio, which now, thankfully, includes local information from around the country(i.e. weather and traffic reports).

As an event planner it is critical that I am knowledgeable about numerous details(including weather and traffic) in cities in which I do not reside. Satellite radio combined with information available on the internet makes for much smoother planning of events. It also increases my efficiency. I look forward to the day when local newscasts and talk shows are available as well.

Frankly, the traffic reports now provided by satellite radio are typically more detailed than those offered on our local network stations.

Also, any decision or potential action that ultimately limits competition, freedom of speech and freedom of expression are totally unacceptable!!!!

I would think that local network programmers would see this as an opportunity to improve their programming rather than an opportunity to whine and complain. Laziness and one's inability to improve are not characteristics that I value highly.

I pay a monthly fee to gain access to XM radio. I am happy to do so because in the short time I have been a subscriber XM radio has offered me greater variety and quality of programming than the networks have ever offered in their decades of operation.

Actually I would think that networks would be eager to find a way to tap into more geographic areas/markets and to find ways to expand the advertising or programming alternatives available within a particular local market. If one chooses to "think outside the box" the possibilities are endless for one's success.

So, by way of this email communication, I urge you to reject this petition.

Regards,

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